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Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development

The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan

Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Letter dated 29 December 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with instructions received from the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, I have the honour to draw your attention to ongoing violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia, recorded for the months of October and November 2011 (see annex). As a result of these violations, five servicemen of the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan were killed and one civilian was wounded. According to the annexed information, during the reporting period, the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia continued intensive fire on both the military and civilian objects in Azerbaijan, not only from their positions in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan but also from the territory of Armenia.

I would also like to draw your attention to the information circulated by the Armenian side at the United Nations on a regular basis on the alleged violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of Azerbaijan. Similar to all previous documents of the same nature and content, the most recent communications from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/66/552-S/2011/706 and A/66/607-S/2011/774) leave no doubt as to the deliberate attempts of the Government of the Republic of Armenia to mislead the international community and to draw its attention away from the main problems caused by the continuing aggression of Armenia against Azerbaijan.

Indeed, the efforts of Armenia's propaganda machine aimed at distorting the reality are a priori inappropriate, to say the least, against the background of the continuing illegal occupation by Armenia of the sovereign territory of Azerbaijan, its unconcealed annexationist intentions and apparent disrespect for the Charter of

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the United Nations and international law. Additionally, the information on the alleged ceasefire violations annexed to the letters from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations contains a number of apparent inaccuracies, factual mistakes and inconsistencies.

Thus, for example, according to Armenia's allegations, from 1 August to 30 November 2011, the armed forces of Azerbaijan violated ceasefire 4,825 times and used various types of weaponry. The Armenian militaries contrived even to count 460 shots allegedly fired in their direction from sniper weapons. However, against the background of the above-mentioned total number of imaginary violations and the claimed use of sniper weapons, the authors and compilers of such awkward fabrication did not give themselves the trouble of throwing light on the suspicious lack of casualties among the Armenian military personnel. Another example of unskilful falsification is definitely the unique "ability" of Armenian militaries to count from their positions in trenches the exact number of firearm bullets allegedly shot by the adverse side.

We are confident that the Government of the Republic of Armenia will be obliged to cease its aggressive and provocative policy, to put an end to the occupation of the territories of Azerbaijan and to respect international law.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under the agenda items 35, 39 and 67, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Agshin **Mehdiyev**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 29 December 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Violation of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia* for the months of October and November 2011

No.	*Date*	*Time*	*Fire point area*	*Direction*	*Used Weapons*	*Casualties & Damages*
1.	2 October	16.00-16.35	Occupied area near unknown heights, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
2.	3 October	04.15-04.20	Occupied area near unknown heights, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
3.		04.15-04.30	Occupied area near Goradiz town, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
4.	4 October	15.10-15.15	Shavarsharan village, Noyanberyan district, Armenia	Farakhli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
5.	5 October	16.20-16.30	Occupied area near Giziloba village, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	Soldiers of the armed forces of Azerbaijan, Novruz Aliyev and Suleyman Askerov, were killed
6.		18.30-18.40	Berd district, Armenia	Agdam village, Tovuz district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	
7.	6 October	01.30-01.45	Occupied unknown heights, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
8.		01.45-01.50	Occupied area near Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
9.		02.05-02.10				
10.		01.55-02.05	Occupied area near Yusifjanli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—

* Settlements of the Republic of Azerbaijan included in this information are under the occupation by the Republic of Armenia or situated close to fire point areas.

No.	*Date*	*Time*	*Fire point area*	*Direction*	*Used Weapons*	*Casualties & Damages*
11.		19.00-19.25	Unknown heights, Krasnoselsk district, Armenia	Unknown heights, Gadabay district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
12.		21.30-21.45	Occupied area near Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
13.		23.15-23.25	Occupied area near Garakhanbeyli village and Goradiz town, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
14.		23.20-23.25				
15.	7 October	13.12-13.20	Occupied area near Yusifjanli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
16.	8 October	04.35-04.40	Occupied area near Garakhanbeyli village and Goradiz town, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
17.	9 October	13.00-13.30	Unknown heights, Krasnoselsk district, Armenia	Unknown heights, Gadabay district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
18.		15.30-16.00				
19.		19.20-19.50				
20.		20.00	Occupied area, Agdere district, Azerbaijan	Gapanli, Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Firearm	Resident of Gapanli village, Dashgin Aliyev, was wounded
21.	10 October	00.55-01.00	Occupied area near unknown heights, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
22.		11.00-11.20	Unknown heights, Krasnoselsk district, Armenia	Unknown heights, Gadabay district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
23.		16.10-16.30				
24.		16.50-17.10				

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25.		21.30-21.40	Occupied area, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
26.		22.50-23.20	Unknown heights, Berd district, Armenia	The area near Garalar village, Tovuz district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
27.		During the day	Occupied area near Uzundere village, Agdam district, and Agdam town	—	Artillery, armoured units, as well as firearm and machine gun	Armed forces of Armenia conducted military exercises in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan. Artillery shells and explosions were heard in nearby settlements.
28.	11 October	—	Occupied area, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm	Soldier of the armed forces of Azerbaijan, Makhmud Mardaliyev, was killed
29.		12.30-13.20	Unknown heights, Krasnoselsk district, Armenia	Unknown heights, Gadabay district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
		12.40-12.42	Berkaber village, Ijevan district, Armenia	Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
30.	12 October	01.30-01.45	Occupied area, Goradiz village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
31.		At different time during the day	Occupied area near Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, and unknown heights in Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—

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32.		During the day	Occupied area near Uzundere village, Agdam district, and Agdam town, Azerbaijan	—	Artillery, armoured units, as well as firearm and machine gun	Armed forces of Armenia conducted military exercises in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan. Artillery shells and explosions were heard in nearby settlements.
33.	13 October	19.00-19.20	Occupied area, near Yusifjanli and Javahirli villages, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
34.		22.30-22.40				
35.		19.00-19.10	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
36.	14 October	03.33-03.40	Occupied area near Garakhanbeyli village and Goradiz town, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
37.		04.10-04.15				
38.		04.45-04.50	Occupied area, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
39.		21.00-21.10	Occupied area near Ashagi Seyidahamdli villages, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
40.	16 October	10.30-10.40	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
41.		13.35-13.55	Berdavan village, Noyanberyan district, Armenia	Kemerli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—

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42.	17 October	19.40-19.50	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
43.	18 October	17.40-17.45	Occupied area, unknown heights, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
44.	19 October	02.45-02.50	Occupied area near Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
45.		04.25-04.30	Occupied area, unknown heights, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
46.		05.55-06.00				
47.		15.30-15.45	Unknown heights, Krasnoselsk district, Armenia	Gadabay district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
48.	20 October	19.10-19.20	Occupied area, unknown heights, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
49.	21 October	07.13-07.36	Occupied area, unknown heights, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
50.	23 October	17.50-18.15	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
51.		18.45-18.50	Occupied area near Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
52.		20.30-20.38	Occupied area near Sarydzhaly village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—

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53.	24 October	16.20-17.10 20.20-20.40	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
54.		18.45-18.48	Occupied area, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
55.		21.35-21.40	Occupied area near Goradiz village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
56.		23.40-23.43				
57.		23.44-23.46				
58.	25 October	14.20-14.40	Occupied area near Marzili village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
59.		15.20-16.40	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
60.	27 October	22.25-22.30	Occupied area near Garakhanbeyli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
61.	28 October	16.50-17.05	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
62.	29 October	04.20-04.25	Noyanberyan district, Armenia	Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
63.	2 November	00.25-00.30	Occupied area near Gorgan village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
64.		13.55-14.05	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
65.		15.00-15.05	Occupied area near Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	Lieutenant of the armed forces of Azerbaijan, Emin Aliyev, was killed

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66.	4 November	At different time during the day	The area near Gil village, Krasnoselsk district, Armenia	Unknown heights, Gadabay district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
67.		—	The area near Azamut village, Ijevan district, Armenia	Unknown heights, Gadabay district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
68.		—	Occupied area near Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
69.		—	Occupied area, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
70.		—	Occupied area, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
71.	9 November	13.25-13.40	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
72.	10 November	06.30-06.50	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
73.		18.10-18.20	Occupied area near Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
74.	11 November	13.45-14.00	Unknown heights, Noyanberyan district, Armenia	Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
75.	13 November	21.00-21.24	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
76.	16 November	00.12-00.15	Occupied area, Gorgan village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—

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77.	17 November	22.50-23.00	Occupied area near Mehdili village, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
78.	18 November	04.00-04.10	Occupied area near Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
79.		05.35-05.45	Occupied area, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
80.		15.40-15.45	Occupied area near Marzili village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
81.		23.10-23.20	Occupied area, unknown heights, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
82.		23.15-23.20	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
83.	20 November	At different time during the day	Occupied areas near Mehdili village, Jabrayil district, Ashagi Abdulrahmanli and Garakhanbeyli villages, Fizuli district, and Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
84.	21 November	At different time during the day	Occupied areas near Mehdili village, Jabrayil district, Ashagi Abdulrahmanli and Garakhanbeyli villages, Fizuli district, and Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—

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85.	23 November	At different time during the day	Occupied areas near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Yusifjanli village, Agdam district, Chayli village, Tartar district, Ashagi Abdulrahmanli and Garakhanbeyli villages, Fizuli district, and Mehdili village, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
86.	24 November	At different time during the day	Occupied areas near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Yusifjanli village, Agdam district, Chayli village, Tartar district, Ashagi Abdulrahmanli and Garakhanbeyli villages, Fizuli district, and Mehdili village, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
87.	25 November	18.40-18.50	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
88.		20.15-20.25				
89.		23.10-23.15	Occupied area near Garakhanbeyli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
90.		23.25-23.30				
91.		23.31-23.36				
92.	26 November	15.30	Occupied area near Tartar district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm	Soldier of the armed forces of Azerbaijan, Elmar Habibzade, was killed
93.	27 November	16.30-16.35	Berdavan village, Noyanberyan district, Armenia	Kemerli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—

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94.		16.35-16.45	Occupied areas near Yusifjanli village, Agdam district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
95.		18.40-18.45	Occupied area near Garakhanbeyli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
96.	28 November	04.30-04.35	Occupied area near Garakhanbeyli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
97.		04.40-04.45	Occupied areas near Mehdili village, Jabrayil district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
98.	29 November	22.30-22.35	Berdavan village, Noyanberyan district, Armenia	Kemerli village, Gazakh district, Azerbaijan	Firearm and Machine gun	—
99.	30 November	00.35-00.45 05.05-05.30	Occupied area near Garakhanbeyli village, Fizuli district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—
100.		16.00-16.15	Occupied area near Kuropatkino village, Khojavand district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	
101.		18.40-18.50				
102.		17.05-17.10	Occupied area near Tapgaragoyunlu village, Goranboy district, Azerbaijan	Adjacent area	Firearm and Machine gun	—